

Saint James United Church

May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service please introduce yourself to Heather Donnelly sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the board room.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

Rise in me; I rise in you,

Roll the stones away.

Love in me flows through you.

Light the fire, I'm free.

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters.

If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

We'll cast it out again into God's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,

Come here!

We'll find the Risen One in all Creation.

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

The Spirit is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, sisters and brothers!

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5 Morning Worship/Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

May 7 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.

May 8 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

May 12 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Mothers Day

Children will be exploring

"The Lord is My Shepherd." Regular Classes

Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

JUST A REMINDER *Due to many people suffering from allergies, we have tried to maintain a Scent Free Environment within Saint James United Church. We would like to remind everyone to please consider this request.*

Lectionary Readings for May 12

Acts 9: 36 – 43

Psalm 23

Revelations 7: 9 – 17

John 10: 22 - 30

MISSION STATEMENT

The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavor to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAVEL CLUB

Please R.S.V.P.

*You are invited to a Syrian Dinner, Monday,
May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church.
Please let Joan know if you are attending.
Call 328-6114 or 425-2438*

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday
of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
on May 20, 2019 . All those who are care givers may like to mark
this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm
meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR

May and June..are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN

*The Board of Stewards have decided the next project
will be a new floor in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen. The cost
will be \$ 7,500.00.*

*All donations would be greatly appreciated. We invite the
congregation to contribute donations through their church envelopes
in which receipts will be issued next year. This project will be taking
place in the early spring.*

St. Luke's Shrove (just a little late) Tuesday Pancake

Supper to be held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019

*from 4:00pm – 6:30pm in the St. Lukes Church Hall on church Street.
Adult \$8/Child \$5/ Family \$25. All proceeds for youth activities and
church camp.*

Welcome and Announcements Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer

**Generous God,
Giver of all that is good, Creator of all that is beautiful,
you have blessed us with abundance,
more than enough for everyone to share.
Out of this abundance you call us to care for each other:
“Feed my lambs.” “Tend my sheep.” “Feed my sheep.”
Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your Creation.
Encourage us to share generously with all those you love.
In these Great Fifty Days of Eastertide
may we protect the beauty of all that is yours
and nurture your bounty
for our children and our children’s children. Amen.**

Hymn – MV #161 “I Have Called You By Your Name”

Children’s Time

Time of Soul Searching

Merciful God,
Saul did not recognize the presence of the Holy One in the
followers of the Risen Christ
until your Light struck him sightless, helpless, and at last able
to hear your voice!
In our day, too-narrow vision stops us from recognizing your
presence in all of Creation.
**We fail to see that our lives are bound together with each
other and with the earth.**
The Disciples could not succeed in fishing
until the Risen Christ showed them how to cast their nets
into your abundance.
In our day, we too-often treat this world with arrogant self-
righteousness, as though it is our exclusive domain.
**We fail to remember that we are stewards, not owners
of your Creation.**

Forgive us.

Teach us again that you have placed us in an eco-network of relationships.

**Lead us to tend the gift of your Creation
that we may feed the whole world community today and
our children tomorrow. Amen.**

- Silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Glorify Thy Name"

Scriptures **Acts 9: 1 – 6 (7 – 20)**
Psalm 30 *Voices United page 757*
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Message

Music for Meditation

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn - VU # 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

Invitation to the Offering – Offertory MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer,

I'll bring my love, I'll do my share.

Offertory prayer

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people.

Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving

for all the blessings you have given us

will fill empty hearts with love

and will proclaim your honor and glory to all people.

Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn - VU #271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

Rise in me; I rise in you,

Roll the stones away.

Love in me flows through you.

Light the fire, I'm free.

Postlude

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***The bulletin has been donated today in loving memory of
son, Scott, May 2002, husband, Stuart, May 2008
and grandson, Carter, May 2014 by Marilyn Asbell.***

DONATIONS

***A donation has been made to the Kirk Church in loving memory
of father and mother, Wendell and Dorothy Bull
by Neil and Linda Markey.***

***A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory
of Donald Carr by Charlotte Connors.***

PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM

This is a great time of year to sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Spreading God's Love

May 12, 2019 Mother's Day children will be exploring "The Lord is My Shepherd." Regular Classes

May 19, 2019 Intergenerational Service – Children stay in church with parents.

May 26, 2019 Believing God's Promise and Telling the Good News. Regular Classes.

June 2, 2019 Sunday School Closing. Events to be announced. Certificates given out.